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Council leader promises improvement

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"So over the next four years we will be rising to meet the many challenges that reduced funding and increased demands on our services brings. In order to make necessary savings of of £2.6million, we will be using new ways of working, involving systems thinking principles and our 'WorkSmart' approach, which together harness the latest technology and modern working practices.

"Our move from Knowle to new accommodation in Honiton and Exmouth is part of this plan and will help us become a modern day council in every sense of the word.

"All of this will make us leaner, more efficient and better placed to deliver the kind of service that we know you, the residents of East Devon want. We are keen to keep improving and to help us do so, we will be listening to what you have to say in consultations and through our viewpoint surveys.

Focus on four priorities

"Great services and great service, first time and every time, is the standard that we have set for ourselves. To do that we need to be bold, creative, open and innovative, but above all we must pull together as one council. These are values that set us apart and make the council a place where people want to work – in fact, over 93 per cent of our staff said they would recommend the council as a place to work!

"To help us deliver these aspirations, we have developed our new council plan, which provides a constant focus on four main priorities.

"We will be encouraging our communities to be outstanding, by helping them to solve their local problems.

"We also want to encourage people to live healthier, more active lifestyles through sport and exercise and to make the most of the wonderful countryside that surrounds us.

"We will continue to promote East Devon as an outstanding place in which to do business and we will strengthen the local economy by attracting inward investment and supporting businesses.

"It is so important that our natural and built environment is protected and we will be working to reduce levels of waste produced in the district, as well as controlling levels of pollution through education and enforcement of environmental legislation.

"We will be prioritising a culture of openness and transparency by keeping our residents fully informed and we are fully committed to innovative ways of working and commercial thinking, including an improved digital service to give our customers the chance to self serve.

"But as we draw near to the end of the year, it is only

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- Axminster Drama Club
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SEATON: Phoebe Holmes-Simeon (11) has become one of the youngest singers in the UK to pass a Grade Eight with Merit in Rockschool's Popular Music Performance Vocals exam

HONITON: Local artist Phil Creek features in the South West Academy Exhibition at Thelma Hulbert Gallery from January 9th

SIDMOUTH: John Varley, director of Clinton Devon Estates, has been awarded the OBE in the 2016 New Year's honour's list

COLYTON: Ollie Truman (14) of Colyton Grammar spent a week in Germany as one of only 20 students from across Europe to win a 'German and Sport' scholarship

Quotes of the week...

"I am very proud of this personal honour since I strongly believe that it is a reflection of the hard work and achievements of the college's students and the dedication of the staff and governors whom I have had the privilege to work with over the last 14 years."

Richard Atkins, Exeter College principal and South Petherton resident, awarded the CBE in the Queen's New Year's honours

"If humility were money, these guys would all be multi millionaires."

Alan Rowe MBE, founder of Honiton-based military charity the Baton, which is sending a team of disabled veterans to row the Atlantic

"... will really help us make a real difference to the lives of many farming families who often through no fault of their own have sadly fallen on hard times."

Pam Wills of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Association, which received £14,000 from last year's Forde Abbey charity fair

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SOUTH SOMERSET

£7.3 million funding cut for fire service

GOVERNMENT grant funding for Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service will reduce by a total of £7.3 million by 2019/20, it has been announced.

Ways to cope with the shortfall are set to be discussed by the Fire Authority in February.

The draft budget announcement indicates that the government has applied an 8.6 per cent reduction for 2016/17, which equates to £2.5million. There will be further reductions of 10.2 per cent, 4.3 per cent and 1.8 per cent in the following three years totaling £7.3million.

Chief Fire Officer Lee Howell said: "Clearly this will mean further significant changes to the way we operate as a service."

Changes to the Service's budget will go to the Fire Authority in February 2016.

There will also be a reduction in middle management, a new call handling system and a new shift system for wholetime firefighters.

The service will increase funding during the next four years for the replacement of operational vehicles and its ageing building stock.

From the deputy editor's chair

Being impromptu is all very well...

WITH no New Year's Eve party to get ready for in the evening, I decided to spend the afternoon of December 31st on one of my occasional rambles around the beautiful East Devon countryside.

The weather wasn't great but it seemed like an age since we'd had a day without rain. And a drop of water should never hinder an afternoon walk anyway!

I set off from Axminster heading towards Membury, taking in Weycroft and Smallridge on the way.

Finding a different route or changing your mind where you're going is all part of a spur of the moment jaunt. So, seeing the turning for Churchill, I decided to head down into the valley before rejoining the 'main' road by looping round via a bridleway I'd spotted. So far, so good.

But after a half-a-mile or so down the path, the bridleway ended abruptly with no hint of those handy arrows nailed to the odd fencepost reassuring you that you're heading the right way.

Then the rain, which had been falling steadily since I decided to 'off-road', got harder – and then turned into some very uncomfortable hailstones.

To complete the perfect storm, the elements finally got to my trusty old iPhone 4S, so now my lifeline (a/k/a Google Maps) was no more. But the hail would have made it pretty hard to see anyway!

The ever darkening skies made it look like sunset was coming two hours early so, cold, wet and virtually lost in the middle of a field, I admitted defeat and re-tracked my steps – always the sign of a poorly thought out walk – and headed home.

The moral of this story? Well, it's one I should have have remembered from many years ago when I was in the Cubs... Be Prepared!

Maybe I should make that a New Year's resolution? Talking of which, Happy New Year!

JAMES COLES

AXMINSTER

Queen's 90th to be marked with party

THE red, white and blue bunting will adorn Axminster town centre again this summer as the town prepares for another royal celebration.

The Queen's birthday is being marked with events in London on Sunday, June 12th but Axminster will hold its special day on the Saturday before (June 11th).

A special committee has been set up to organise a day to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Trinity Square will be closed to traffic for a street party in Silver Street with a number of other activities being planned for the same day especially for the children.

AXMOUTH

Village recognises its past

AN EAST Devon historian has won a ten-month campaign to amend the thousand-year history of Axmouth Parish Church by acknowledging its most famous citizen was a slave owner.

Tony Simpson was told by the Axmouth Parochial Church Council (PCC) they had re-written its official history just days before Christmas, recognising that Richard Hallett of Stedcombe House, its famous benefactor and former Mayor of Lyme Regis, was a 17th Century slave owner.

The PCC had told Mr Simpson that it saw no reason to change "a thousand years of history... the Halletts were great benefactors and deserved their place in the record of the parish".

Mr Simpson told *Pulman's View:* "It is important that we acknowledge the past and learn from it. I am hoping the history of all 80 Devon slave owners can be recorded for posterity."

EAST DEVON

East Devon council to modernise

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OTTERY ST MARY

Writing competition deadline extended

LOCAL children intending to submit entries for the John Gaffney writing competition have had their deadline extended until the end of January.

The first prize will now be a £50 in cash plus £25 in book tokens and a £50 voucher for Sainsbury.

The winner will also have their entry published in *Pulman's View from Ottery St Mary* as well as being interviewed for an accompanying article.

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Academy exhibition at the THG

LOCAL artist Phil Creek will be featured in the new 'South West Academy' exhibition opening on Saturday at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery.

Following a sell-out exhibition last year in Ottery St Mary, Phil's work will be included alongside fellow established artists including Professor Alan Cotton, a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), and Peter Randall-Page, a member of the Royal Academy of Arts (RA) whose sculptures feature in permanent National collections including Tate Britain.

Phil, who is chairman of the Trustees of the South West Academy, commented: "We feel that this past year has been an invigorating one for the South West Academy.

"There have been two exhibitions at Exeter Castle and the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, followed by the Annual Open in September.

"The Academicians are honoured that THG has agreed to host our first show in 2016. The academy has a new-found vitality which continues with this new exhibition at the THG."

Curator Angela Blackwell said the THG were delighted to be hosting the exhibition. One of THG's founding aims is to support South West based artists and this is a great opportunity to showcase both established and emerging artists from across the region.

"We are particularly pleased to welcome back Peter Randall-Page after his acclaimed solo exhibition at THG in 2014."

The exhibition will run from January 9th until February 13th. Professor Alan Cotton will give a guided tour of the exhibition on January 13th; the tour will cost £3 and includes a glass of wine.

Amycrofters fill the streets with music for Christmas fundraiser

THE streets of Honiton rang to the sound of Christmas music last month as the Amycrofters Band (Andrew and June Mycroft) were aided by Adrian Ball and Santa Claus.

The group spent a morning playing outside the Hospiscare shop on Honiton's High Street.

Passers-by were dancing along and giving money for Hospiscare to Santa Claus.

The trio played despite the cold temperatures and manager of the shop provided the group with coffee and mince pies.

The Amycrofters Band and Adrian Ball, played accordion, keyboard and banjo and provided a non-stop succession of tunes throughout the morning.

When families with children arrived the group switched to sing-a-long nursery rhymes which were much appreciated.

The weather remained dry, and even though the town seemed very quiet more than £77 was raised for Hospiscare.

The band would like to say a big thank you to all who put money into the buckets for their generosity.

The event finished with old favourites 'Jingle Bells' followed by 'When the Saints Came Marching In'.

For more information about the band call 01404 46451.

Council leader's New Year message

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right that I mention with great pride, a few of the many significant achievements that this council has made during 2014/2015.

"Top of the list of our accomplishments is housing. We have delivered a grand total of 388 homes for local people, which is our highest number of new affordable local homes in one year. It is our continuing aim to provide more good quality, local homes for local people.

"Homelessness in East Devon is extremely low thanks to our homeless prevention initiatives and we are working hard through our Empty Homes Plan to help owners of neglected empty properties in East Devon to bring their properties back into residential use, which will relieve pressure on the private and public housing sectors.

"Finally, it gives me enormous pleasure to say that the finalisation of our Local Plan is now within sight and we are anticipating being able to adopt it early next year.

"This detailed and robust document will help us deliver the aspirations and housing needs of local people, as well as land for employment. It will also help protect our beautiful countryside from unwanted and inappropriate development.

"Exciting times lie ahead for us and we are looking forward to working with you all to achieve the greater good for East Devon.

"May I now wish you all a happy New Year."

Knitting for those in need

BLANKET COVERAGE: The church is decorated with the finished articles

SIXTY shoe boxes packed with toys along with 60 blankets have been produced, packed and despatched by the craft group at Axminster's United Reformed Church.

Craft group spokesperson Jean Cleare said: "We want to thank all those who have been supporting us, with the gifts of wool, their knitting and their sewing skills, for their generosity, and commitment.

"We displayed all the blankets, together with the filled shoe boxes in the church and were able to pray for those who will receive them, and for all those involved in making them."

There has been a long tradition of knitting and assembling colourful blankets at the United Reformed Church for those in need. While some people donated surplus wool, others were only too glad to knit up squares.

Some were so enthusiastic that they were buying wool themselves, and then finding that members of their family and friends wished to knit too.

Jean explained: "Originally we sent the blankets to Tools With a Mission so they could be used to wrap recycled tools when shipped by container to projects in the third world. Once unpacked the blankets were much appreciated by the families who received them.

"When that charity no longer needed knitted items, we donated knee blankets to our local residential homes, but we thought that only so many could be used like that.

"Two years ago we discovered that charity Mustard Seed also welcomed knitted blankets for the children.

"Lately, a small offshoot of the craft group has been meeting in Abbeyfield, and the residents there have been adding to our stock of squares."

Carols bring Christmas cheer

A RESOURCEFUL and mixed choir brought a touch of Christmas to Axminster Hospital's day room with a fine performance of carols. The choir consisted of Axminster Hospital League of Friends, ably supported by a team from Dalwood's Corrydale Singers. Hospital staff and patients were treated to performance which lasted just over 30 minutes on December 9th. Hospital chaplain Mary Harding led a short prayer after the concert.

New course offers help with cooking for people with health conditions

HEALTH and Local Food for Families in Axminster (HALFF) is offering a free course of six sessions for people who cook for adults with specific health conditions including heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressures.

The course caters for all abilities, from beginners to experienced cooks, exploring ways to create healthy meals for you and your loved ones to enjoy.

HALFF's Laura O'Rourke said: "Come and prepare delicious food in a relaxed and friendly environment."

The course started yesterday (Monday, January 4th) but continues at the Masonic Hall, South Street, on the first Monday of the month from 2.30pm to 4pm."

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EAST Devon Business Centre is set to welcome its first new tenant of 2016.

The rapidly expanding local authority services business LGRC (Local Government Resource Centre) is taking up new office space at the Centre this month.

LGRC was established in 2014 and its three directors, Nick Randle OBE, Max Goodison and Stuart Wilbur, bring a strong combination of experience of local councils' needs as they provide best practice support services.

Mr Goodison said that location was key to their decision to move to the Business Centre, as well as the flexible space available to run seminars and training courses.

He said: "Honiton is ideal because the town is so close to the A30/303 and M5, giving us great access to and from the South West, South East, and North.

"The Centre suits the needs of a growing business like ours because we do have the option to occupy larger premises on the same site as the business grows.

"We also found that the contractual terms are straightforward and the support services offered – for example, back-office services, reception, and catering – are excellent and just what we need."

LGRC operate nationally and provide a range of consultancy, training and outsourced services, including strategic and community engagement planning, evaluation of new service delivery proposals, organising and running tendering processes for key services and reviewing support resources and systems, including IT.

More than 60 small businesses have developed and grown at the Centre over the last 17 years, supported by an on-site team of professional staff. With easy-in, easy-out flexible monthly terms, the Centre also benefits from superfast broadband and free parking too.

Cllr Philip Skinner, East Devon District Council's Portfolio holder for Economy, said: "We are delighted to welcome LGRC to the East Devon Business Centre. We find that the flexible lease terms and the active business support that we offer gives confidence to small business owners taking that big decision to grow."

To find out how East Devon Business Centre can help your business shine in 2016, call the Centre on 01404 41719 and have a chat with one of the team, or email edbc@eastdevon.gov.uk

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SOLID PEFORMANCE: The children put on an action-packed show

Children's new musical is greeted with success

AXMOUTH Children's Theatre (ACT) members were delighted with their new musical 'We Built This City (On Rock'n' Roll)'.

Written and directed by Malcolm Henty it told the tale of a run-down city, Vexas, in America which was badly in need of some sort of miracle to save it.

And that is just what it got, complete with a spaceship and alien visitors.

The first performance was in Axmouth Church as part of the opening of The Friends of Axmouth Church Christmas Tree Festival.

The sell-out audience was greeted with a warming glass of mulled wine courtesy of CFB Steam Boilers before viewing the spectacle of over 25 trees all lit up with a music theme.

This theme continued as the lights dimmed and Sacha, Imogen, Caitlin and Lilley opened the play with a beautifully haunting rendition of 'A Spaceman Came Travelling'.

Euan, as narrator, kept things moving along as we met the city council consisting of Avie, Brendan and Kieran.

It was then time to meet the kids – played by Luca, Matt, Callum, Bex, Jessica, Sacha and Imogen.

As the music and dancing continued, a donkey – brilliantly portrayed by Luca who, along with Euan, performed a wonderful version of 'King of the Road' – entered the story.

Next came one of the highlights as amidst smoke and green lighting the spaceship crew of Lilley, Caitlin, Nieve and Isabelle emerged from their stricken craft. As they pleaded for assistance, out of the shadows stepped Elwin as Bill the Mechanic who offered to fix the ship for them.

Having achieved this aim, his new-found confidence led him to unite everybody and let the council know they were not going to take any more of their nonsense and that they wanted their city back and of course, with the aliens' help, that's indeed what happened in the end.

The group also travelled to The Beacon at Kilmington for a second performance to help raise funds for the youth club there.

Mr Henty explained: "Having never performed there before, they were not sure what to expect but they found the large purpose-built stage very much to their liking and turned in a brilliant show for a surprisingly large and appreciative crowd."

For these shows there was a cast of 16 youngsters, with ages ranging from seven to 16.

ACT is currently working on its pantomime, to be performed in Axmouth Village Hall in February.

Cast: Josie – Callum Wood, Levi and Donkey – Luca Flint, Narrator – Euan Hartnell, Luke – Matt Real, Bill – Elwin Moss, Council Chairman – Brandon Jaycock, Council Treasurer – Kieran Jaycock, Council Secretary – Avie Moss, Mary – Bex Smitham, Joanna – Imogen Oldfield, Lizzie – Jessica Spiller, Melanie – Sacha Markham, Spacecraft Crew: Blob – Lilley Smitham, Gob – Caitlin Tooze, Crew - Nieve Hartnell, Crew – Isabelle Hilton, Understudy – Eleanor Sykes.

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Support for solicitors' charity of the year

AROUND 50 people from a range of East Devon businesses joined solicitors Beviss & Beckingsale and their chosen charity 'See The Future' for a festive lunch at Honiton's Deer Park Hotel.

The guest list for the event on December 10th included local surveyors, estate agents, accountants, lawyers and other businesses from hairdressers to auctioneers.

Guests were welcomed with a festive glass of mulled wine before a sitdown lunch, which included a talk by See The Future founder Leanne Greengrass.

A game of Heads Or Tails raised money for the charity, which promotes awareness of eye conditions and supports research to prevent sight loss.

Beviss & Beckingsale's senior partner Mark Ollier, who compered the lunch, said: "Our Christmas gathering at the Deer Park has become an annual event in the local business calendar.

"As a firm, it's really important to us to be involved in the local community this is a wonderful way to help raise funds for our chosen charity while strengthening the strong relationships we've developed with all manner of businesses.

"We're already looking forward to next year!'

Leanne Greengrass (third left) gave a talk on See The Future at the Beviss & Beckingsale festive lunch

Rowing to recovery

HONITON based military charity, the Baton, is fronting a courageous attempt by four ex-servicemen – including two from Devon – to row the Atlantic.

The Row2Recovery team are competing in the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge, which consists of teams rowing more than 3,000 nautical miles across the world's second largest ocean.

The team, who will be carrying the charity's baton – their 'symbol of national conscience' – will head west from San Sebastian in the Canary Islands to Nelson's Dockyard in English Harbour, Antigua.

Once the race has started the teams will be on their own.

Baton founder Alan Rowe MBE said: "It is a privilege to have the team carry a Baton on this epic challenge.

"After having met them all I can say is, that if humility were money, these guys would all be multi millionaires.

"What super people to carry the Baton's Message of Conscience, epitomising the word 'fortitude' and showing us all that even after a devastating injury, life goes on; the injury not defining their life."

HONITON Lions president Steve Guilbert (second left) has collected £500 out of a total of £2,000 made by Movember fundraisers at construction group South West Highways. The money, which goes towards prostate cancer and other men's health related charities, was raised by SWH employees collecting sponsorship for growing moustaches over the month of November.

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Festival of trees

HAWKCHURCH'S five-day Christmas tree competition and festival attracted dozens of clubs and societies from all over the area, raising more than £1,000 in the process.

There were 39 entries in total, a record for the 11-year-old event.

One Christmas tree was made of copper piping, one arrived as a flat pack whilst another one was made from the contents of a stripped-down gearbox.

The trees had a theme chosen by the entrants themselves, with handmade decorations.

The winner was decided by popular choice, with everyone visiting the display entitled to vote for their favourite tree for £1 per vote.

Past winners have included a tree-shaped pile of footballs from Hawkchurch FC.

As always, the proceeds will be donated to the church maintenance fund.

Rob Smith and Carrie Southwell's entry C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S. came out on top, whilst Cohen Baulch's Jurassic Christmas won the children's category.

Organisers Jean Ransford and Hazel Cross are pictured above.

Colourful Christmas in Kilmington

KILMINGTON Primary School's Christmas Fayre was once again a colourful affair.

Trade was brisk in the village hall on Friday December 11th, with plenty of activities and attractions to keep customers of all ages amused and busy, including face painting.

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Santa pays a visit to Offwell

MEMBERS of Offwell Primary School PTFA have been throwing themselves into festive fundraising, making £1,000 in a short period of time.

The events provided huge enjoyment for children, parents and staff.

The Christmas fair *(pictured)* was particularly popular as Santa Claus paid a visit.

Headteacher Anne Billington said: "The school is hugely appreciative of all the work done by our enthusiastic PTFA members who give their time voluntarily."

Community comes together for festival

THE whole community came together for Musbury Christmas Tree Festival.

Parochial church council secretary Kay Short, who organised the festival with church wardens Sue Irving and Ken Short, said: "We had trees with bells, penguins, shuttlecocks, footpath signs, photos of Musbury and its residents, farm scenes, Winter Olympic scenes and lots of angels."

The village school and the pre-school group also took part by making decorations for their trees.

Kay added: "The porch was a fantastic welcome to the church, with a life size Father Christmas and snowman. Refreshments were on sale and we held a raffle on the Saturday.

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New support group for grandparents

■ THE Devon Grandparents Support Group have just launched a new website.

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The lead up to the Christmas season is one of excitement, anticipation and joy for millions of parents and grandchildren.

If you are a grandparent who is not allowed to have contact with your grandchildren, the picture is somewhat different. The memories of happier times are tinged with sadness and regret.

Many grandparents will be sending cards and presents, not knowing if they will be received by the grandchildren or what they will be told if they do receive them.

Some grandparents will be accused of harassment and stand the risk of legal action against them, even arrest, just for sending cards and presents. This of course assumes that the grandparents know where their children and grandchildren are living. Many do not.

If you know someone in this position, please let them know about our support group. They will often feel lonely, isolated and extremely low at this time of the year, and it is important that they know they are not on their own.

Just sharing the pain with someone who has experienced a similar situation as your own, can be hugely beneficial.

You can find the web site at www.devongrandparentssupportgroup.co.uk

GLORIA & BERNIE LITTLE,
Trustees of the Devon Grandparents Support Group

■ CHRISTMAS cards show snow scenes but they are becoming history. Daffodils and bees are out in Somerset and there are reports of strawberries growing in Cornwall!

The temperature in Honiton today (December 17th) is nearly 15ºC which is good for saving on over-expensive fuel.

But sadly, this could be very bad for our planet. Cumbria and parts of Lancashire are under water with many thousands of homes and families affected and facing further flooding.

The people of the low lying Maldives and Pacific islands like the Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu have started to leave their homes – for them a temperature rise of 2 ºC is too much; they call for '1.5 to stay alive'.

The Parish Climate Change Conference predicted a rise of 2ºC which means the December Honiton temperature could reach 17ºC in years to come.

We all know this is far from 'natural'; we all know something is very wrong with mother nature. So I have a suggestion.

Let us help nature by doing our bit in 2016 to save our planet.

Our New Year's Resolution should be to recycle more and save energy, tell politicians we prefer more natural energy – sun, wind and water, not nuclear and fracking – and above all peace.

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TONY SIMPSON,
Pensioners for Peace,
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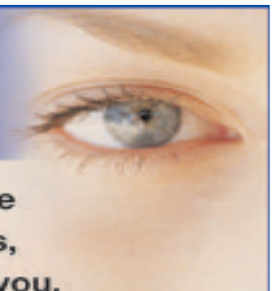

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Silver award makes Sharon a shining example!

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Sharon, who runs the Honiton Slimming World groups, has been given the 'Silver' status by the national slimming club because of her success in supporting local slimmers to reach their dream weight, improve their health and change their lives. The accolade is awarded to Slimming World Consultants who have 100 members or more in their group come back week after week because they're losing weight beautifully and wouldn't miss their weekly group for anything

She says: "I am delighted to have received the 'Silver' award. I feel passionately about helping people to transform their lives by losing weight in the same way that I did when I lost 5st with Slimming World. Losing weight made me feel happier and healthier and gave me so much more confidence. I became a Consultant because I wanted to share that feeling and help other people to achieve the same success I had myself. Seeing the members in my groups – mums, dads, grandmas and young people too – reach their target weight is so rewarding and receiving this award is just the icing on the cake.

"This award belongs to the group's members. They're the ones who make our groups the success that they are, with their fabulous commitment, the wonderful support they give each other every week, and, obviously, their impressive weight losses while following Slimming World's Food Optimising eating plan.

"The group has really put healthy weight loss on the map in Honiton. Together, they've lost an amazing 600 stone this year.

If Sharon continues her success for a number of months, she'll swap her Silver award for a Gold standard. She says: "I'm over the moon to have become a Silver Consultant and now I'm going for Gold, although I feel like I've already struck gold – I have a healthy figure, a fabulous job that I love and great friends in the members. I'm very lucky and I truly believe I have the best job in the world."

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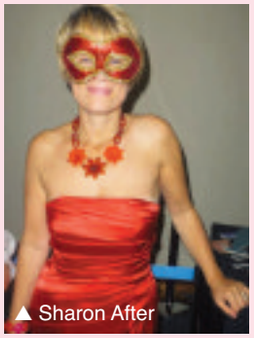

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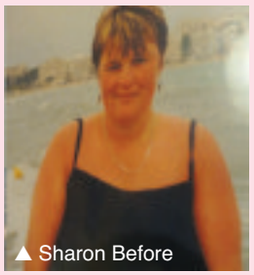

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Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre

Wishing Well cancer support group talks/workshops for January

Thursday 14th January 2.30pm – Citizens advice

CANCER can totally change the financial circumstances of those affected by it.

Due to an inability to work, people can suffer a loss of income, while at the same time being faced with many extra expenses such as travel to and from treatment and paying for special dietary requirements. Relatives may also need to give up work in order to care for someone with cancer. Together this can put those affected under enormous pressure. Applying for benefit in these circumstances can pose a significant challenge.

Citizens' Advice can provide advice on welfare benefits to people affected by cancer.

They also ensure that people are aware of any grants that are available to help, and can provide advice on other issues such as debt, if necessary.

Citizens' Advice will be holding a question and answer style workshop for Wishing Well at the Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre on **Thursday 14th January at 2.30pm.**

Come along, receive some answers and some help with the benefits you are entitled to.

Thursday 28th January 2.30pm
Cancer rehabilitation exercise programme taster

Cancer and its treatments can cause physical changes such as reduced energy levels, fatigue, low mood and anxiety.

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Clinical Hypnotherapy
Michelle Hague

Getting started in 2016.

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Michelle Hague is an experienced therapist who has worked locally for many years, she is a senior lecturer in Clinical and Medical Hypnosis at the London College of Clinical Hypnosis and teaches internationally. She is a fellow member registered with the BSCH & also the CNHC.

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Eating healthily: Whether you're cooking for a large family or eating on the go, there is advice that can help you get your minimum of 5 a day, and recognise a portion size so that you can stay healthy, and stay motivated to lose weight.

If you are planning to make some changes in 2016 or struggling with stress and a fears then call to see if Michelle can help you. 07761773563 or take a look at her web site www.takecontrolofyourlife.co.uk

Healer & Psychic Medium
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Classes resume on Monday, January 4th

AS THE new year approaches it is a great time to think about what we need in life to make us feel better, live life to our optimum and most importantly with minimum stress! We cant always change work, and some other aspects to our life but we can find ways to support ourselves with body and mind maintenance!

Here at The Garden Studios we hope to offer some skills that may help you move with ease through the year, complementary therapies with Julia provide not just body maintenance, but deep relaxation too. We maintain our cars but forget ourselves, time to make a change!

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Our special January offers are not to be missed.

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Book any Dermalogica facial and receive a free hand or foot treatment.

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MARK'S ON ANOTHER LEVEL

The Levellers frontman Mark Chadwick to perform solo show at the Beehive

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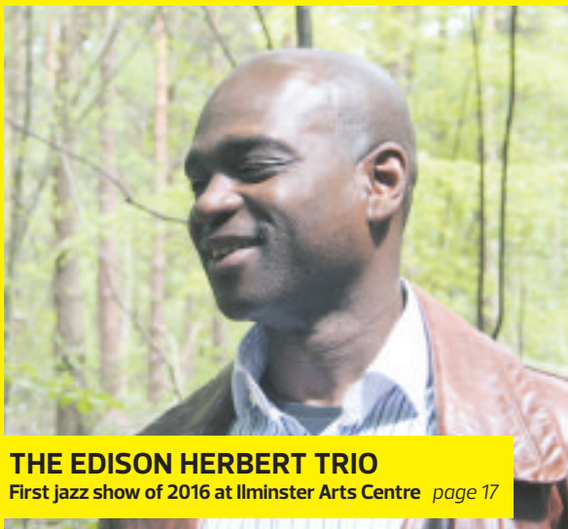
Panto is full of beans! *page 17*



THE EDISON HERBERT TRIO
First jazz show of 2016 at Ilminster Arts Centre *page 17*

Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6TH

SEATON: Men's Probus Club meeting 10am. Methodist Church Hall, Scalwell Lane. Talk by Patricia Lowther entitled 'When War Broke Out'

BEER: Jurassic Jam at Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street, 8-10.15pm. Music for all to join in. Free admission for musicians and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit the website at www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

AXMINSTER: Axminster around 1800: Two of our members will share research on how our local road network was developing and, using records and historic data, how Axminster sat within the South West economic community. Axminster Historical Society, 7:30pm The United Reform Church Hall, Chard Street, EX13 5EB. All welcome!

COLYTON: Colyton and Colyford Memory Café will be welcoming the WI choir who, as it is the very end of Epiphany, will be singing a selection of Christmas carols to round off the festive season. Tea and cakes, quizzes and good company. So if you or a loved one or a friend is suffering from memory loss or have been diagnosed with early dementia, why not come along for a friendly and relaxing afternoon of fun. At St John Hall, King Street, 2-4pm. For more information please ring Diane on 01297 680442 or mobile 07970 626774.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837.

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be meeting for it's first meeting of the New Year at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street and will be holding a workshop on Macro Photography. Anyone will be made welcome so come along and start a new year off by getting to use those newly acquired Christmas gifts. Further details can be obtained from Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or by visiting their website www.chardcameraclub.co.uk

SEATON: Greg's Music Makers, starts Thursday January 7th, and every Thursday during term-time. At St Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, 10am-11am. Music, dance, stories and games. For parents/carers with 0-4 years olds, babies and toddlers welcome. Donations of £1 per family invited. Refreshments available.

FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30-12.30. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Preschool age children welcome with parents/carers. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm.Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

KILMINGTON: An Audience with Anne Swithinbank: The BBC gardening celebrity joins us for an informative and entertaining evening. Kilmington Gardening Club, 7.30 pm Kilmington village hall, Whitford Road, Kilmington EX13 7RF Non members welcome £3.00

HONITON: Honiton Parkinson's Support Group Annual General Meeting at the Heathfield Inn, 11am.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. All ages are welcome; very friendly atmosphere and good food. Please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057. Further details also available on the same number.

SATURDAY JANUARY 9TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents '45 Years' (15), in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

WHITLANDS: Axe Vale and District Conservation Society Work Party, 10am-4pm. At the Undercliffs, Humble Glades. Glade clearance. Meet at Whitlands (SY306911). Take lunch. For more details call 01297 552945.

BRANSCOMBE: Branscombe Players Present - Jolly January Japes. An Evening of Entertainment Bar opens 6:45pm, show 7.30pm. Tickets on the door - £5.00, Children £2.50.

SATURDAY JAN 9TH - WEDNESDAY JAN 13TH

HONITON: South West Academy Exhibition at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery. For more details visit www.thelmahulbert.com

SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH

SEATON: St Gregory's Church Childrens' Party.

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DECEMBER proved to be a very busy and successful month for music gigs at The David Hall.

On Thursday 3rd we welcomed British Blues artiste, Martin Harley, for the first time. The evening started with a well-received support slot from young Cornwall-based female singer/guitarist, Kezia. This great set was a perfect warm up for the large audience who were instantly mesmerised by Martin Harley. Great material with Martins's great Bluesy voice and astonishing guitar playing made this a very special night. Martin will be with us again another time!

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th we had two sell-out nights with the wonderful St Agnes Fountain, who ensured that everyone was put in the Christmas spirit. This group's very individual take on carols and Christmas music, with much humour thrown in, was rapturously received. Christmas would not be the same without "The Aggies" so they are already booked for Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December next year. Early booking will be essential!

The final gig of what has been a fantastic year was on Saturday 19th when the "super group", The Dylan Project - fronted by the charismatic Steve Gibbons - entertained another full house. What a great night! No band performs the wonderful material of Bob Dillon in such a unique and top- quality manner. I intend to get them back at The Hall!

I must say that 2016 promises to be a very special year of music with a great mix of artistes who are new to us along with some who have been welcomed to The David Hall on several occasions.

January gets off to a great start with two of our favourites sharing the stage. They are Scotland's Bully Wee Band and the ever-popular Phil Beer. This gig is already selling well and promises to be another long-remembered night of music. When this combination performed for us in January 2013 it was not only a sell-out gig but an evening that is still talked about!

Formed in the 1970s, Bully Wee were known as one of the best Acoustic Folk Rock bands - and are still at the very top of their game. Phil Beer is of course a brilliant multi-instrumentalist and best known as one half of Show of Hands. I know this will be a great gig!

On Saturday 23rd we again welcome back to The Hall the North East's favourite son - Bob Fox. There will be a warm reception for Bob after his successful role as Songman in the award-winning West End show, War Horse. Bob is a great singer/songwriter who is blessed with a really fabulous voice. His 2000 album, Dreams Never Leave You, is a classic and still one of my all-time favourites. It will be great to have Bob back with us!

January comes to a musical end on Saturday 30th with the second visit by the totally unique Bristol band, The Moscow Drug Club. A café-style atmosphere will be created to support the curious mix of musical influences when 1930's Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, New Orleans and Gypsy Jazz, all meet. This five-piece are not only great musicians but really know how to entertain and perform!

I would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support throughout 2015 and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Looking forward to seeing you in 2016!

All the very best, Pete Wheeler, Petherton Arts Trust

May I take this opportunity to remind you that Petherton Folk Fest will be back on Saturday, 18th June. A date for your new diary!

Further events at The David Hall in January

Petherton Picture Show will present three films in January. On Friday 8th - Inside Out (U), a 3D computer-animated comedy-drama adventure produced by Pixar Animation; on Friday 22nd - Amy (15), the story of Amy Winehouse in her own words, featuring unseen archival footage and unheard tracks; and on Friday 29th, the documentary, Dark Horse (PG) - A rags-to riches story about the racehorse, Dream Alliance. This film has had audiences from Wales to Robert Redford's Sundance Festival cheering on their feet.

The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 27th January, from 10am – 12pm – with real coffee and home-made cakes, book and bric-a-brac stalls and live music.

Performance Night is scheduled for Sunday, 31st January, at 7.30. All styles and forms of performance welcome – not just music. If you wish to perform, please email folk@chriswatts.org

For further details about any of the above please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk, or call 01460 240 340.

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Diary Dates

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MONDAY JANUARY 11TH

NEROCHE: 'Miniatures of the Wallace Collection', 7.15pm. This lecture by Stephen J.Duffy explains the formation of the collection and looks in depth at such artists as Samuel Cooper, Richard Cosway, Peter Adolph Hall and Jean-Batiste Isabey. Guests £5 Visit nerochedfas.org.uk for more details.

SEATON: 'Heads Up' Stroke Support Group. The first coffee morning of 2016 at "No 1" Harepath Road in Seaton between 10 am and 12 noon. These will continue on the second Monday of each month. For any information please contact Roger/Tina Trapani on 01297 21788.

HONITON: Honiton Art Society Meeting at Awliscombe Village Hall, 2-4pm. Demonstration by Lynda Kettle, on Flowers & Gardens in pastel. Visitors £2, visitors and new members always welcome.

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 7-10pm. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

TUESDAY JANUARY 12TH

HONITON: "Women Artists from 1500 to 1800". A Honiton Decorative and Fine Arts Society illustrated lecture, which considers successful women painters in Europe and the social constraints which caused relatively few of them to be known to us today. At The Beehive, Dowell St. Honiton EX14 1LZ, at 2pm. Non members welcome - £6 donation suggested. No booking required. For further information see www.honiton-dfas.org.uk or phone 01404 548 113.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13TH

HONITON: Beehive Scottish Folk Café, 8pm. Free entry. Come along and sing or listen in the Beehive bar, with host Sue King. A Scottish twist every month - wear Tartan or bring a Scottish song or tune to sing or play.

HONITON: Honiton U3A begin their New Year programme of meetings on Wednesday 13th January at The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton when they welcome their speaker, Janet Diamond who will be giving a talk entitled 'Nomads to Nation – The Early Settling of the Nile Valley' - a look into the 3,000 year history of ancient Egypt and its civilisation. Doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Members Free and Visitors welcome (suggested donation of £2.00). Further information: 01404 43799

COLYFORD: Axe Valley Centre National Trust, illustrated talk by Don Archer 'From Chatsworth to Crystal Palace' at Colyford Memorial Hall, 2.30pm Non-members admission £2 including refreshment.

COLYTON: Ancient Trees in the Urban Environment - a talk by Chris Knapman (Devon Ancient Tree Forum) at 2.30 pm in The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields. Coly Road, Colyton. All welcome. Donation at door please. Organised by the Devonshire Association (Axe Valley Branch). Telephone 01297 678529 for information.

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be holding their AGM meeting at 7.30pm at the Chard Conservative club. Anyone wishing to join the association should attend this meeting where they will be made most welcome. Details before doing so can be obtained from the Secretary Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978 or Paula Moon 01460 929041

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton. Illustrated talk by Clive Groves from Groves Nursery entitled "Trekking in the Himalayas through a Nurseryman's eyes". Visitors welcome, charge £2.00 to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049

FRIDAY JANUARY 15TH

HONITON: Film: 'Bridge of Spies' (cert 12A) at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50, under 16s £5.50.

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm.Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

SATURDAY JANUARY 16TH

HONITON: Film: 'Florence & The Uffizi Gallery' at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £10.

AXMOUTH: Axe Estuary Clean-up. Meet at Axmouth Bridge lay-by. 10am-12noon. Wear wellies, gloves and warm clothes. For more details call 01297 20326.

SUNDAY JANUARY 17TH

SIDMOUTH: ShelterBox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre. 2.30pm. Ballroom & Sequence dancing hosted by Jean and David (01395 579856). £3 per dancer, licensed cafe open for light refreshments.

VIEW FROM the beehive

IT WAS wondrous to have the Beehive thronging with folk coming to all sorts of diverse events from the Christmas dinner dance, sing-songs and parties in the bar, a special community Christmas lunch, two sell out showings of *The Lady in the Van*, two packed houses for Defrosted, several children visited Father Christmas and his Elf, all culminating with a fantastic, sell-out gig by Mad Dog Mcrea.

With this fabulously busy run up to Xmas all of the staff and volunteers have had a well deserved break, to rest and re-fuel in readiness for a great 2016!

The Oscars will soon be upon us and we have some of the hot contenders for the top awards coming to The Beehive Cinema over the coming months: Bridge Of Spies, Love and Mercy, Brooklyn, Suffragette, Carol and The Martian to name a few.

We are also excited to be having the Kenneth Branagh Theatre Live season coming to The Beehive too, beginning with the encore screening of 'The Winter's Tale', Shakespeare's timeless tragicomedy of obsession and redemption on Friday 8th Jan at 7pm.

On Saturday 16th January we have a special screening of 'Florence and The Uffizi Gallery' a wonderful guided tour of Italy's most renowned pieces for art lovers and students.

The brilliant, award winning, playwright/actor Pip Utton, returns to the Beehive on Sat 30th Jan with his extremely interesting, poignant and beautifully observed show about Charlie Chaplin's life in 'Chaplin', I thoroughly recommend it.

Delighted to have Mark Chadwick, lead man from The Levellers and one of the UK's most successful songwriters coming to perform on 6th of Feb. We are also thrilled to be hosting the opening concert on 'Show of Hands' next UK tour in April. These gigs, along with the return of Police Dog Hogan, in May and Rusty Shackle in April, will hopefully, be some of the highlights for our next year at The Beehive.

If you haven't tried out your local community centre, give it a go in 2016 See Peter Pan in half term or try out Line Dancing on Wednesdays, Le Roc, modern jive on Thursday evenings from 8pm is great fun and a brilliant way to get fit too!

There are monthly Folk and Acoustic café sessions, where you can come along and perform or just enjoy listening whilst you relax in the bar, a great introduction to the Beehive!

See you soon, Wendy Van der Plank

'Giant' panto is full of beans!

WHAT a lots beans there are in this year's pantomime from Axminster Drama Club, Magic Beans, Baked Beans, Runners Beans and Green Beans! Well actually the Baked, Runner and Green Beans are actually the children of the show are not definitely not edible! Yes with so many children taking part this year they have been split into three teams and will be doing different performances.

With so many talented children it's lucky that the adults of the cast are as brilliant as they are and always seem to come out on top. They say never work with animals or children but this is the exception to the rule as also in this production is a large Brown and White Cow.

In addition to Director Jack Price there is as always the usual team of talented scenery painters, costume makers, stage crew and of course actors involved in this year's production not to forget over 40 young performers ranging from 7 to 14 under the control as always of club Chairman Sara Leat.

Tickets will be on sale at Archway Bookshop, Church Street, Axminster from 29th December with performance dates being Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th January with a matinee on Saturday 16th.

Edison's soul guitar

THE first jazz concert of the year at Ilminster Arts Centre features one of the most exciting new talents on the UK jazz scene. Edison Herbert is a highly accomplished jazz guitarist whose lyrical, accessible style draws on his guitar heroes Wes Montgomery, George Benson, Tal Farlow as well as masters of funk such as Nile Rodgers.

Edison came to critical notice when he was performing with the Guildhall Big Band at Ronnie Scotts, and he was subsequently asked to join the Jazz Warriors. Edison has also worked with Randy Brecker, Clark Peters and Kim Burell, and wrote the arrangements for the Olivier nominated West End show 'Unforgettable', as well as composing music for BBC Radio.

Edison Herbert

Edison's flowing rhythm and melodic lines are supported masterfully by the other members of the trio, who are Winston Clifford on drums and 'Level' Neville Malcolm on bass. Winston's drumming credentials are impeccable, and he has played with artists such as Courtney Pine, Bheki Mseleku, and the Ronnie Scott band. Neville Malcolm is one of the most in-demand bass players in the country, having played with everyone from Gabrielle, Yosuf Islam, Tom Jones, Marlena Shaw and Gregory Porter. His profound groove and earthy, soulful playing give the trio all it could want in the bass department.

For this performance the trio will be easing the audience in to the New Year with an easy-going set that mixes well-known tunes and standards with some of Edison's elegant compositions, and showcasing a range that moves effortless from sensitive ballads to foot-tapping up-tempo numbers.

The Edison Herbert Trio play at the Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, January 8th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 (a pre-show supper is available for £13, but must be pre-booked). For more details call 01460 54973 or visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

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Cleaning and decluttering – wash and clean all areas of the house, inside and out including walls and carpets. Air the house out, remove as much clutter as possible from rooms and furniture.

Minor DIY and repairs – try and remedy all the little repairs that need doing around the house. Fix the wobbly doorknob and fill in the chips in the wall. It will show the property is well looked after.

Brighten up – clean all windows inside and out, make sure all lights have working bulbs. A fresh lick of paint can go a long way to transforming and brightening up your home.

Minimise personal items – you want the house to look homely but not cluttered. For example put all toiletries away in drawers and minimise family pictures, declutter the fridge door from pictures and magnets.

Less is more – remove any occasional furniture to really show off the true size of each room.

Hide everyday items – it can be a good idea to remove rubbish and also litter trays, dog beds, food bowls etc. some potential buyers might have allergies and could be put off.

Kerb appeal – make the front of your property look appealing. Fix fences and boundaries which are in disrepair. Cut the grass, weed the flower beds, power wash the patio. You want to give the best first impression.

Fresh flowers – use fresh flowers or a flowering plant. These will make the house smell nice but also be inviting.

Bathroom – make sure it is sparkling. Toilet seat down and all mirrors and metal polished.

Hide the toys – make sure they are tidied away or in a designated 'play room'.

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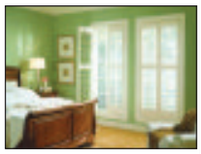

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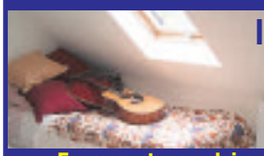

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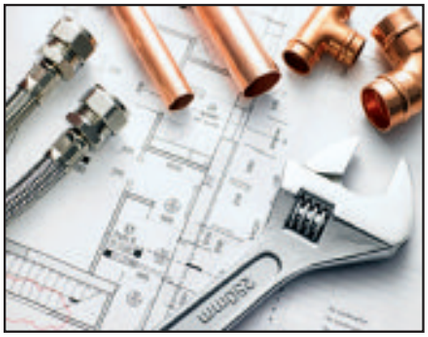

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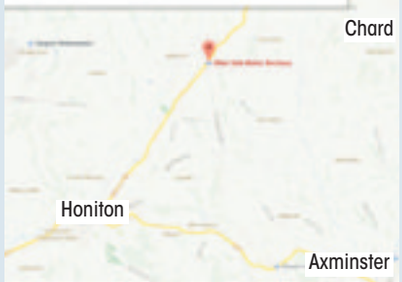

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Cup final abandoned after injury

New year deluge decimates opening fixture list

PERRY STREET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CUP FINAL

DRIMPTON 1 HAWKCHURCH UTD 1

(at Misterton – abandoned 59 min)

SATURDAY'S Division One Cup Final was sadly curtailed after just 59 minutes after Drimpton defender Lee Banks suffered fractures to his tibia and fibula in his right leg.

The former Crewkerne Town captain climbed into a full-blooded, but fair, 50-50 challenge with Hawkchurch's Dan Richards and was left prone on the Unity Lane turf with his agony plain for all of the 100 plus crowd to see.

Prior to this the match had been an evenly balanced affair.

Drimpton went close inside the opening two minutes with a Simon Denslow header and a low drive from Barry Hayne both of which were saved well by Hawks' keeper James Mitcham.

But the Devonians replied with a string of decent chances with Gavin Herrod and Jon Turner both firing narrowly wide while Josh Short squandered two clear-cut opportunites.

But the first major incident of the half came in the 23rd minute when talented Drimpton centre back Josh Parsons won the ball in the crunching tackle on Short.

But experienced referee Mike Dobson deemed the challenge to be a foul to the surprise of both sets of players and awarded a penalty.

To his credit, referee Dobson, after being implored by the Drimpton players, went across to check with linesman Jeff Farley – who was perfectly positioned to see the incident clearly – and the outcome was a corner kick.

At the other on Drimpton should have taken the lead on the half hour when Chris Rowswell latched onto a ball that skidded through the Hawks' defence but shot wide when well placed.

The deadlock was broken in the 35th minute when Hawkchurch top-scorer Gavin Herrod won a aerial duel and, as the ball dropped kindly, hooked a close range volley past Nathan Turnbull in the Drimpton goal.

But the lead lasted just six minutes. A cross from the Drimpton right wing was only half cleared and Rowswell atoned for his earlier miss in fine fashion when he coolly guided the ball high into the roof of the net from the edge of the box.

The second-half began with Hawkchurch going agonisingly close in the 48th minute.

Richards, who had a fine game pulling the strings in the midfield, cut in from the left flank only to be denied by a low save from Turnball, the ball then ran loose to the waiting Jack Larcombe whose follow-up shot was hacked off the line by Parsons.

But the action was cut short by the sad injury and referee Dobson abandoned the match with an ambulance appearing 20 minutes later to whisk Banks off to Bristol hospital for treatment.

The local football family wishes Lee a speedy recovery.

The match will be replayed with the venue and date yet to be confirmed.

Drimpton; *Nathan Turnbull, Wes Gullin, Lee Banks, Josh Parsons, Nick Murphy, Mark Pearce (Capt), Chris Rowswell, Gavin Tanner, Simon Denslow, Craig Lodge, Barry Hayne. Subs; Liam Adams, Callan Strelley, George Tuck, Chris Fry, Craig Studley.*

Hawkchurch; *James Mitcham, Brad Cross, Jon Turner, Simon Herrod, Jack Chapple, Josh Short, Dan Richards, Jamie Harris, Gavin Herrod, Ollie Pearce. Subs; Mark Herrod, Brad Pearce, Stuart Weir, Rowan Short.*

◆ **TOP HAWK:** Midfielder Dan Richards

◆ **HEADS UP:** Hawkchurch United skipper Gavin Herrod (green shirt) wins an aeriel duel before volleying in the loose ball to put his side ahead in Saturday's abandoned cup final. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

A point for Popples

JUST one match in the entire Devon & Exeter league survived the extreme weather which was in Division Three where NEWTON POPPLEFORD shared a 2-2 draw with CHAGFORD.

Goals from home man of the match Adrian Parr and Mark Pavey earned the Popples their point, while Andrew Davis had both goals for the moormen whose star player was Ross Brealy.

Popples manager Neil Wood and Cliff Cooper also earned top marks for getting the ground playable, although Wood was a little disappointed his team had not won he did feel the outcome was fair.

However, it was also a day of mixed emotions for Chagford who lost their popular long serving President David Watson who sadly passed away on Boxing day.

Although the League programe was smaller than usual one of the biggest shocks came from Beer Albion whose normally resolute Furzebrake ground was declared unplayable.

Secretary Roger Hoare said they had done their best to get the pitch operational, but even they had to concede defeat due to the incessant rain.

NEWTOWN have informed the League that they intend to apply to join the South West Peninsular League next season if they finish in a qualifying place.

It will be a big venture for the Newton St Cyres-based team who are currently enjoying their sixth season as a Premier side and are also leaders going into 2016.

Newtown have spent most of their existence in Senior football, since they changed their name from GOLDEN HART in 1978, their only season in Intermediate football was the 1983/84 campaign which saw them win the Intermediate One championship.

The club spent two years as the Golden Hart having been previously emanated from the WHEATONS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB team which had run for four years from 1972. That was in the days when current Exwick Villa chairman Clive Martin was a player, along with some other well known local names, Tom Lewtas, Kelvin Board, Andy Wiseman, and secretary and referee Pete Webber, now a follower from his Spanish home.

However much of the value of Newtowns rise to the summit is down to long-term secretary Paul Kennard who occupied the role for well over 30 years until current secretary Jock Gill recently took over.

Pat McDonagh, their current chairman, is also another big influence in the club, and he takes huge pride in what the club have established through the years.

Incidentally Wheatons did have a team for three years in the early 1930s, but it was not reformed then for another 40 years.

The Devon & Exeter League will this week inform all its clubs that they would like them to attend one of the three meetings affecting the Charter Standard and Respect.

These are being held in connection with the Devon County FA, and all Club secretaries and managers are invited.

The County state that these are important evenings, and your attendance as a club is expected if it is possible and all clubs attending will, as a minimum, receive a free first aid kit and match ball.

All current charter standard clubs attending will also receive their allocation of free Charter Standard Nike match balls for the 2015/16 season.

Clubs will get an option of which meetings they would like to attend and more details will be available on the website this week.

◆ The times are 7 to 9pm on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 26th (*Witheridge FC*)

Tuesday, February 2nd (*Topsham Town FC*)

Tuesday, February 9th (*Cullompton Rangers FC*)

The meetings will look at Respect and Charter Standard (applying for or renewing the award which is mandatory for entrance into the league in 2016/17).

FIXTURES

Saturday, January 9th

PREMIER

Beer Albion v Honiton Town
Feniton v Bow AAC
Hatherleigh Town v Chard Town
Heavitree United v Clyst Valley
Newtown v Seaton Town
Topsham Town v Elmore
Willand Rovers v Exwick Villa

DIVISION 1

Bickleigh v Alphington
Budleigh Salterton v Colyton
Exmouth Amateurs v Westexe Rovers
Sidmouth Town v Lympstone
University v Witheridge
Wellington Town v Upottery

DIVISION 2

Cullompton Rangers v Hemyock
Culm United v Lyme Regis
Dawlish United v East Budleigh
Henrys Cronies v Tipton St John
Newtown v Exmouth Town
University v Chulmleigh

DIVISION 3

Clyst Valley v Axmouth United
Lapford v Thorverton
St Martins v Cheriton Fitzpaine
Tedburn St Mary v Newton Poppleford
University v Topsham Town
Woodbury v Langdon

DIVISION 4

Amory Park Rangers v Lords XI
Countess Wear Dyn v Morchard Bishop
Fluxton v Axminster Town
Honiton Town v Bow AAC
Pinhoe v Bampton
University v Sampford Peverell

DIVISION 5

Alphington v Starcross Generals
Awliscombe United v Hatherleigh Town
Halwill v Uplowman Athletic
Kentisbeare v Feniton
Priory v Ottery St Mary
Sandford v Otterton

DIVISION 6

East Budleigh v South Zeal
Millwey Rise v Newton St Cyres
Royal Oak v Exwick Village
Stoke Hill v Ilminster Town
Whipton & Pinhoe v Silverton
Winchester v Woodbury
Winkleigh v Dunkeswell Rovers

DIVISION 7

Colyton v Cheriton Fitzpaine
Elmore v Lyme Regis
Langdon v Bradninch
Offwell Rangers v Pinhoe
Seaton Town v Central
Wellington Town v Tivvy Park Rangers

DIVISION 8

Ashwater v Bickleigh
Bampton v Stoke Arms
K&M Polonia v Cranbrook
Lympstone v Sandford
Ottery St Mary v Chagford
Sidmouth Town v Exmouth Spartans

DIVISION 9

Axminster Town v Witheridge
Exmouth Amateurs v Lapford
Feniton v Millwey Rise
Honiton Town v Amory Green Rovers
Newton Poppleford v Kentisbeare
Upottery v Tedburn St Mary

skittles colyton

KO cup results - R4; Seaton AFC A 333 (M Pavey, M French 60) Lamb A 363 (S Pomeroy 70); Tuckers A 392 (D Dower 70) Three Tuns Hammers 353 (N Hodges 64); Gerrard B 313 (P Massam 56) New Inn B 316 (A Rees 63); Beer Albion 315 (J Cobbold 63) Colcombe Beerboys 328 (N Hales 70); Rising Sun B 327 (K White 58) Vine Nomads 349 (D Norman 66); Ship A v Wheelwright A; New Inn A 352 (R Webb, D Jones 63) Cloakham B 338 (M Enticott 60); Lamb B 349 (M Pidgeon 73) Red Lion Sidbury 326 (J McQueen 61).

Draw for the 5th round *(to be played by February 14th)*.
Lamb A v Lamb B; Vine Nomads v Tuckers A; Colcombe Beerboys v New Inn A; Ship A or Wheelwright A v New Inn B.

Tony Hawkins Memorial Knocked-Out Cup - R3; Wilmington Harts 363 (P Richards 72) Beer club B 358 (J Somers, S Somers 63); PJ'S Koots 351 (R Rowley 68) Offwell A 387 (D Spragg 72); Vine B 342 (R Blackmore, W Pratt 60) Volunteer A 336 (S Thornton 70); Colyton Club B 347 (O Board 60) Rising Sun A 333 (T Churchill 61); Honiton Converts 388 (J Dawes 70) Colyton Club A 389 (P Clode 71); Seaton Bowling club 306 (Barbara Thompson, T H-Smith 55) Axminster AFC A 299 (S Palmer 58); Kings Arms A W/O Honiton Con Raiders; Red Lion Cavaliers 414 (M Summers 79) Cloakham Wanderers 401 (Elizabeth Hayball 74);

Draw for the 4th round *(to be played by February 14th)*.
Wilmington Harts v Red Lion Cavaliers; Colyton club A v Offwell A; Colyton club B v Kings Arms A; Seaton Bowling v Vine B.

football tables

SWP Div One (E) (34)	Pld	Pts
St Martins	17	40
Teignmouth	17	35
Tiverton Town Res	13	33
AXMINSTER T	22	32
University of Exeter	17	31
Alphington	18	29
Galmpton Utd	16	27
Budleigh Salterton	18	26
Appledore	13	25
Crediton Utd	16	25
Exwick Villa	16	23
Newton Abbot Spurs	14	22
SIDMOUTH TOWN	17	21
Brixham AFC	19	19
Bovey Tracey	19	19
Totnes & Dartington	17	16
Liverton Utd	16	11
Okehampton Argyle	19	3

D&E Premier (30)	Pld	Pts
Newtown	12	31
Feniton	13	29
Honiton Town	13	25
Topsham Town	11	24
Elmore	10	21
Exwick Villa Res	16	21
Heavitree Utd	11	19
Clyst Valley	14	13
Hatherleigh Town	9	11
Seaton Town	10	11
Newton St Cyres	12	11
Bow AAC	9	8
Beer Albion	12	8
Chard Town Res	14	8
Willand Rovers Res	10	7

D&E Div One (24)	Pld	Pts
Bickleigh	12	25
Exmouth Amateurs	10	25
University Res	8	20
Upottery	7	19
Sidmouth Town Res	11	19
Wellington Res	12	16
Heavitree Utd Res	12	15
Westexe Rovers	13	15
Budleigh Salt Res	13	11
Lympstone	13	11
Colyton	8	10
Witheridge Res	11	8
Alphington Res	12	3

D&E Div Two (26)	Pld	Pts
University 3rds	11	30
Henry's Cronies	9	25
Exmouth Town Res	9	19
Chulmleigh	8	18
Cullumpton Rang Rs	10	17
Lyme Regis	9	15
Hemyock	10	13
Newtown Res	8	12
Tipton St John	9	10
Dawlish Utd	7	9
Halwill	11	4
East Budleigh	13	4
Culm Utd	8	3

D&E Div Three (26)	Pld	Pts
Lapford	11	27
Axmouth Utd	12	25
Chagford	12	25
Woodbury	10	24
Exmouth Amat Res	12	23
Cheriton Fitzpaine	12	19
University 4ths	12	18
Langdon	9	15
Newton Poppleford	11	13
Topsham Town Res	12	12
Clyst Valley Res	13	11
Tedburn St Mary	8	7
St Martins Res	12	4*
Thorverton	12	4

D&E Div Four (24)	Pld	Pts
Axminster Town Res	13	27
Bampton	10	24
Honiton Town Res	10	22
Countess Wear Dyn	13	18
Lords XI	12	16
Amory Park Rangers	9	14
University 5ths	9	13
Bow AAC Res	9	12
Fluxton	10	11
Morchard Bishop	11	11
North Tawton	14	11
Pinhoe	9	10
Sampford Peverell	9	6

D&E Div Five (24)	Pld	Pts
Otterton	12	29
Uplowman Athletic	10	28
Feniton Reserves	13	26
Alphington 3rds	13	20
Kentisbeare	10	17*
Ottery St Mary	8	14
Awliscombe Utd	12	13
Priory	8	12
Beer Albion Res	12	12*
Sandford	9	12
Starcross Generals	12	12
Halwill Reserves	12	7
Hatherleigh Res	13	1

D&E Div Six (26)	Pld	Pts
Millwey Rise	11	27
Whipton & Pinhoe	8	24
Winchester	9	24
South Zeal Utd	11	20
Newton St Cyres Res	7	19
Royal Oak (Exeter)	12	19
Winkleigh	9	14
Exwick Village	13	14
Dunkeswell Rovers	13	13
East Budleigh Res	12	12*
Ilminster Town Res	13	10*
Woodbury Res	9	7
Silverton	11	6
Stoke Hill	8	0

D&E Div Seven (22)	Pld	Pts
Tivvy Park Rangers	10	26
Offwell Rangers	13	24
Pinhoe Reserves	12	23
Lyme Regis Res	12	22
Central (Exeter)	9	19
Wellington Tn 3rds	13	15*
Colyton Reserves	14	14
Elmore Reserves	10	13
Cheriton Fitzpaine Rs	8	10
Seaton Town Res	11	10
Langdon Reserves	11	7
Bradninch	9	2*

D&E Div Eight (22)	Pld	Pts
Bickleigh Res	14	30
Exmouth Spartans	15	29
Ashwater	11	25
Cranbrook	8	20
K&M Polonia	12	19
Sidmouth Town 3rds	10	19
Lympstone Res	13	14
Sandford 2nds	11	11
Stoke Arms Utd	11	9
Chagford Res	10	8
Bampton Reserves	9	3
Ottery St Mary 2nds	10	2

D&E Division Nine (22)	Pld	Pts
Axminster 3rds	14	31
Upottery Reserves	10	27
Newton Popp' Res	12	23
Lapford Reserves	11	19
Kentisbeare Res	14	18
Honiton Town 3rds	11	17
Amory Green Rovers	10	14
Witheridge 3rds	9	14
Exmouth Amat 3rds	12	13*
Feniton 3rds	11	9
Millwey Rise Res	12	7
Tedburn St Mary Res	12	3

Perry St Premier (24)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	8	24
Barrington	8	21
Shepton Beauchamp	9	20
South Petherton	7	15
Perry Street	5	13
Combe Reserves	10	10
W & M Chinnock	10	13
Netherbury	12	11
Winsham Utd	11	11
Chard Utd	10	11
Crewkerne Town	11	6*
Forton Rangers	9	5
Lyme Regis Bantams	6	2*

Perry St Div 1 (24)	Pld	Pts
Hawkchurch Utd	10	25
Barrington Res	9	19
Misterton	9	18
Drimpton	7	18
Pymore	8	11
Waytown Hounds	8	11
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Beaminster Res	8	10
Combe A	7	7
Ilminster Town Colts	9	7
Crewkerne Rangers	9	5
Thorncombe	9	2

Perry St Div 2 (24)	Pld	Pts
Merriott Rovers	9	22
Chard Rangers	11	22
South Petherton Res	8	21
Shepton Beau Res	9	20
Combe B	10	18
Winsham Utd Res	12	18
Farway Utd	10	18
Chard Utd Res	10	15
Hinton St George	12	12
Merriott Dynamos	9	7
Kingsbury Episcopi	13	7
Thorncombe Res	9	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	9	24
Perry Street Res	8	18
Fivehead	10	18
Charmouth	9	18
Uplyme Reserves	9	16
Halstock	5	13
Chard Rangers Res	8	13
Netherbury Reserves	7	12
Drimpton Reserves	10	11*
Crewk Rangers Res	9	9
Ilminster Town A	10	6
Chard Utd All Stars	10	2
Farway Utd Res	10	3

motor sport rallying

2nd in South West for Broadway's Paynter

BROADWAY based Rally Driver Bill Paynter topped off a fine year with a great result at the recent Regency Stages Rally near Shepton Mallet, claiming 2nd overall in the ASWMC Sealed Surface Rally Championship.

The Association of South West Motor Clubs championship is a hotly contested series including rallys from Cornwall to Wales with over 50 competitors taking part.

After taking 18 months out of the sport to build a new car for 2015, Paynter was quick to get back on the pace and was rewarded with a very successful year.

The 25-year-old said: "This result is more than I ever expected for the first year out in the new car. It's been really enjoyable and the pace keeps improving all the time."

With a fantastic six class podiums from eight events, and a 100 percent finishing record in the self-built Peugeot 106, the team look forward to getting into the forests next year as they make their gravel debut in February.

gravel tests ahead

"Going onto 'the loose' has always been in the plan. We have a learning year ahead of us but hope to build the pace as quickly as possible."

Paynter wished to thank co-driver Andy Hollingham, Scott Barnes, Charlie Bole, Gary Le Coadou and Penny Rix for all their help, as well as sponsors Hilka Tools for their support during 2015.

If you would like to be involved with the team in 2016, and can offer any support please contact Bill on email bill@bprally.co.uk.

◆ END TO A FINE YEAR: Bill Paynter in his Peugeot 106 at the Regency Satge of the South West Motor Clubs championship

netball honiton league

High flying Panthers tamed at last

Division One; FLAMINGOS bounced back after their previous week's defeat to take the points from their match against Toucan Chicks.

With Olivia Warwick playing well, they established an early lead and never looked back.

Chicks got stronger as the game went on, and although Charlotte Yorke worked hard, they could not get close enough to gain a point and went down 21-45.

Uplowman were up against JD Tyres and although the latter worked hard and scored well Uplowman still triumphed 47-20.

Vicky Chaming for Uplowman and Tanya Broom for JD were the players of the match.

Division One	Pd	GD	Pts
Hi Q	9	199	27
Otters	8	126	22
Flamingos	8	165	21
Uplowman	7	127	19
Sidmouth TC	9	-90	12
Signs South West	7	-110	5
Tip Top Trees	7	-126	5
JD Tyres	9	-291	1

DIVISION TWO

PIXIES ended Ford & Pentecost Panthers' 10 game unbeaten run winning 17-11.

Panthers started the stronger, and with Anna Benson doing well, they led 6-2. By half way Pixies had levelled the score before edging 11-9 ahead in the third period.

But the Pixies, with Natalie Shabytah playing well, finished strongly to open up the race for promotion.

Howden Hawks held onto their second place with a 28-14 win over bottom side Beer Blazers.

Tara Andrews was top Hawk with Rosie Bennett the pick of the Blazers.

Third and fourth placed sides Sidmouth Toucans and Otter Valley met in a close game with the honours going to Valley 21-16.

They had started strongly but, with Louise Neilson playing well, the Toucans fought back to level the scores at 15-15 going into the final session.

Becca Rowe then pulled out the stops to clinch the Otters' win.

The fourth game of the night saw Blackdown Ladies lead Swaggermamas. 5-4 at the end of the first quarter.

Then Rosie Cooke took hold of the game and Blackdown eased to a 21-7 victory.

despite a fine effort from the Mamas' Jenny Wiscombe.

Division Two	Pd	GD	Pts
F & P Panthers	10	143	28
Howden Hawks	9	86	23
Sidmouth Toucans	10	23	19
Otter Valley	9	38	18
Pixies	9	-18	17
Blackdown Ladies	10	-27	17
Swaggermamas	9	-98	10
Beer Blazers	10	-147	0*

Stone causes a splash

HONITON Running Club members took take part in Axe Valley Runners' AXMOUTH CHALLENGE last Sunday.

The days before the event had been extremely wet and some runners struggled to get to Axmouth avoiding flooding roads. Of course, this meant that a race which is traditionally muddy and wet was even more so and the race director made a last minute route change avoiding a particularly slippery steep field taking runners towards the finish.

The 10 miler was won by AVR's own Jake Smith in 57 minutes 43 seconds. Honiton's Chris Entwistle followed not too far behind in 11th place in 1:08:08. Steve Davey was second in his category coming 18th in 1:15:02. He had been swapping places with Mark Dallyn and Tom Bornet throughout the race and Dallyn finished 28 seconds and a place behind Davey. Bornet finished in 1:15:48.

David Hawker had a fantastic race finishing 28th in 1:19:48. Howard Bidmead was 36th in 1:21:55 just ahead of Honiton's first lady back, Judy Davey, who finished in 1:23:42.

Tim Wigram ended up 40th in 1:27:43 with Jo one place and 13 seconds later. Richard Terry who finished in great style in 50th place in 1:34:17. There were 59 finishers.

Honiton Junior, Jasmine Stone, took part in the three-mile race finishing 2nd overall and first female in 27:44. Her brother, Harrison, tackled the one mile event which turned into two as he was sent the wrong way. This made his finishing time of 20:34 quite a bit more impressive than first thought.

If you are interested in running, Paul and Jo Lowman are starting a beginners course on January 13th at 6.40pm at Honiton Community College. Just turn up or contact Paul on 07764308627.

hockey chard

Winning run ended

Chard A 0 West Dorset A 2

THE Chard 2nd XI's four-game winning streak came to an end in this re-arranged fixture.

Although a squad of 14 were available, this included an unfit Jason Goddard - who played little more than five minutes - and James Spurdle donning the keeper's kit. Another notable absence was Dan Stone at centre forward.

For the first 20 minutes Chard had the upper hand even though they were unable to carve out clear scoring chances against a resilient West Dorset defence.

Harry Felgate had an outstanding first half, winning back possession when the ball was lost and generally dictating the shape of the game in the middle of the pitch supported by a battling performance from Chris Knight.

West Dorset's main line of attack relied upon an aerial bombardment, the ball being launched from deep in their own half often to beyond Chard's 25 metre line.

This tactic posed some problems for the back four but when the visitors took the lead on the 25-minute mark, it was against the run of play.

Captain Gareth Eggle rang the changes with rolling substitutes and a different formation from early in the second half, adopting a midfield role himself. But scoring chances remained hard to come by.

Spurdle made a number of vital saves but was powerless to keep out a flick shot from one of the penalty corners West Dorset earned from a period of concerted pressure on Chard's D.

Thanks to umpires Jim Sainsbury and Gary Wheaton.

Chard: *J Spurdle, A Critchley, T Eames, L Young, S Mahoney, H Felgate, G Eggle (capt), C Knight, T Cooper, K Wheaton, N Parkinson, H Dening, D Cooper, J Goddard.*

darts round-up

AXMINSTER

RESULTS (December 8th **TEAM**; New Inn 2-4 Red Necks, Red Lion A 0-6 Tons Of Bull, Vault B 4-2 Lamb Shanks.

SINGLES; New Inn 0-4 Red Necks, Red Lion A 2-2 Tons Of Bull, Vault B 3-1 Lamb Shanks.

Team	Pld	Pts
Tons of Bull	11	20
Red Lion A	11	17
Vault A	9	16
Axminster Inn	10	12
Vault B	10	9
Red Necks	9	8
Lamb Shanks	9	6
Con Club	10	6
Red Bulls	9	3
New Inn	10	1

Singles	Pld	Pts
Red Lion A	11	32
Tons of Bull	11	31
Vault A	9	27
Red Necks	9	21
Vault B	10	19
Axminster Inn	10	18
Con Club	10	17
Lamb Shanks	9	13
Red Bulls	9	10
New Inn	10	8

running chard rr

WITH Christmas Day over, it was off to Stoke St Gregory for six Chard Road Runners who formed part of the 400-stroing field for the 10k STOKE STAMPEDE.

With the weather proving itself to be less that predictable it was the heat of the day that caused more issues than the recent rain.

Results; Nina Wagstaff (42min 37sec), Steveie Potter (49:12), Colin Boarder (53:25), Helen Baxter (56:11), Melanie Boarder (61:59), Gary Wheaton (64:27).

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Roach and rudd reeled in

SIX members had a knock-up at Dillington for the last match of the year and there were some good weights of roach.

Tackleuk's Scott Russell lead the way with 16lb 13oz of roach and rudd from peg 20, catching shallow on the pole with caster.

Jamie Rich was second with a similar catch weighing 13lb 10oz from peg 18 and in third place was Ashley Tomkins with 7lb 3oz of quality roach from peg 24.

The V.E.S. Precision League resumes on January 10th and the draw is at the Royal Oak, Ilminster at 8.30am.

jack high bowls round-up

Decent run for in-form Axminster bowlers

AXMINSTER *by David Harris*

THE Over 60s men's team lost by four shots to MID DEVON in the County League with both home rinks winning; Mick Hennegan, Sid Milburn, Charlie Barber & John Gough (25-18) and Roger Legg, Alan Nabarra, Doug Looskan & Paul Moffit (20-15).

In the mixed friendlies we beat BRIDPORT 93-41 at home with wins on all rinks - Alan Foster, Gerald Knott, Neil Solomon & Margaret Crompton (41-10), Malcolm Denslow, Margaret Brown, Jean Kesterton & Derek Pheby (28-13) and Pam Hunter, Morrison Brown, John Hill & Brian Clark (24-18).

Next we defeated YEOVIL 64-79with wins for Pam Hunter, David Harris, Jan Parsons & Derek Pheby (23-14) and Morrison Brown, Malcolm Denslow, Ann Clayton & Brian Clark (23-16).

In a final home friendly against MADEIRA we recorded an excellent 63-54 win with successes for Brian Cursley, Margaret Brown, Malcolm Denslow & Brian Clark (27-13) and Alan Foster, Jo Barnish, John Hill & Derek Pheby (18-17).

The Ladies were beaten 42-44 in the first of two home friendlies against SIDMOUTH with a win for Daphne Ryan, Barbara Mowatt, Margaret Ball & Judith Moffitt (28-17) before losing 49-65 against MADEIRA despite a 26-11 win for Brenda Edwards, Betty Mitchell, Margaret Ball & Judith Moffit.

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

MILFORD & DORMOR WEEK 11: *Canaries 16 Greyhounds 13, Trull 8 Hurricanes 20.*

Canaries started well against Greyhounds, but then stalled. Greyhounds gave them a scare by getting a hotshot which made it 14-12 before eventually going down 13-16. Trull and Hurricanes were evenly matched and after 10 ends the score was 8-8 all. Then it all went wrong for Trull.

Week 12: Harlequins 14 Hurricanes 9, Greyhounds 11 Trull 12, Canaries 10 Musbury 11.

AFTER a slow started Harlequins caught up and at the halfway stage the score was 5-5. Then they took five shots on the next end and led 12–9 going into the last end.

Hurricanes might have sneaked a draw or even a win but Harlequins took two shots to continue their winning ways.

Greyhounds took control early on against Trull and led 11-8 going into the last end.

Trull were holding three when Greyhounds skip's last bowl just nudged one of the opposition's bowls in to, not out of, the head!

Canaries fought hard to catch Musbury and nearly did. At the start of the last end it was 9-11 against Canaries.

Canaries skip had the last bowl of the match, and they were holding one but needed two to draw. It hit the right bowl but didn't manage to move it.

HONITON *by Julie Grant*

HONITON'S home rink of Wally Heard, Roger Binmore, Ian Veitch & skip Steve Dommett recorded a narrow ICL victory with a crucial one shot gained on the last end against TORQUAY UNITED But after Christmas the men suffered an ICL defeat to TORBAY.

There were mixed fortunes in the mixed friendlies too. Winning 73-50 against DUNKESWELL with a top rink of David Tooley, Harry Riley, Judith Broom & Di Morley 28-9.

Then in the new year there was a 39-68 loss at EXONIA with the best for Honiton being David Tooley, John Munslow, Richard Chapple & Di Morley 16-18.

The ladies had success in their first match in the county Top Club with an emphatic win in all five events against BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.

OTTERY ST MARY *with Jenny Uren*

IF YOUR New Year resolution is to keep fit and have some fun at the same time – why not consider joining the Ottery St Mary indoor Short Mat Bowling Club.

Meetings are held on Monday evenings from 7-10pm and Wednesday mornings from 9.45-12 noon at £2 session at the Institute, Yonder Street, EX11 1HD. Have a couple of taster sessions free to see if you like it. Bowls are provided so just turn up with flat soled shoes. Contact Jenny 01404 812124

tee off golf round-up

Festive wind causes problems!

AXE CLIFF *with Peter Motson*

THE Axe Cliff Club Captain Geoff Wake arranged for the CHRISTMAS FAYRE Competition to allow all members of the Club to compete which, as a pre-Christmas event proved to be very popular, with 'Nearest to Pin' on all four Par 3 holes.

Par 3 winners were; 7th hole Simon Sweetland, 11th hole Andy Gabb, 14th hole Jerry Reel and 18th Hole Dave Bruce.

The honours for the 18 hole round went to Mark Ward in 1st place with 36pts, 2nd was Jin Hong (35), 3rd was Steve Anning (34), 4th with 33 was Helen Kenworthy (back 9 CB) and also with 33,was Margaret Kenchington in 5th place. Jerry Reel, Paul Curtin and, Andy Gabb (x2) all carded 2s.

The Mens section played their annual BOXING DAY competition in very high winds.

Alan Kenworthy came in 1st with 30pts and, in 2nd was Jin Hong with 28. Despite the difficult conditions Steve Bond (2) and Jin Hong scored 2s.

The Ladies section played the 2nd round of their WINTER LEAGUE competition and the Match Play winners were Stella Thompson & Pauline Willis and Jo Donmall & Margaret Kenchington.

Club notice: *To avoid over-booking all Club members and visitors are requested to book tee times in advance.*

Non-Club members should telephone 01297 21754. Club Members can either use the same number or the club website www.axecliffgolf-club.com

CRICKET ST THOMAS
with Bert Robinson

A CLOUDY Monday morning recently greeted the Seniors for the second round of the WINTER LEAGUE programme.

Forty members were present for this 4Ball Better Ball competition held over eight rounds with the best six rounds to count. Although the weather was dull, the rain mainly kept away and scores in the high thirties were expected. Roger Stone & John McOmish set the pace with 38 points.

This was matched by Brian Marsh & Mike King, and bettered by one point by Nick George & Brian Anderson who finished with par scores on the last four holes.

Meanwhile, 24 Seniors formed eight teams of three on Wednesday to play a two from three BOWMAKER tournament.

The threatening rain held off for of the day enabling the players to return some reasonable scores.

Way out ahead were Norman Markby, Des Denning & Stuart Pope who scored 70 points which was enough to beat Paul England, Robin Flower & Bill Hilson by four points, having returned the same score as John Pearce, Keith Branchflower & Peter Spencer

Twenty four Seniors attended the three-man 'HASSLE'. Muddy conditions made heavy going when the winners were Keith Branchflower; Martin Leigh & Peter Spencer (61.33). In second spot were Brian Anderson; Colin Ireland & Bill Hilson (62.83).

The Mens section played their Christmas Stableford competition, 1st with 34 points was Nigel Garwood and 2nd was Craig Trivett with 33. Steve Anning recored the on 2.

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Results (December 22nd); Chard Casuals 3+2 Colyton Feds 3+0, Colyton Ex-Cons 0+0 Chard Casuals 6+4, Colyton TC 5+4 Honiton WMC 1+0.

THE result of the week was at Colyton where Chard IZZA147 took all six frames against the Ex-Cons, three of which were black ball games, one of these resulted in a re-spotted black.

Table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	8	41
Chard IZZA147	8	30
Colyton Feds	9	29
Colyon TC	8	26
Colyton ExCons	8	21
Chard Casuals	9	20
Honiton WMC	8	7

B.Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Colyton TC	8	54
Wonderers	8	49
Chard Casuals	9	42
Chard IZZA147	8	40
Colyton Feds	9	33
Colyton ExCons	8	27
Honiton WMC	8	9

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Promising start for fledgling Honiton club

HONITON Petanque Club brought its first year to a successful end with a challenge match against a combined U3A/Twinning/Ottery Petanque club team.

Honiton were narrowly beaten six games to four but considering it was the Club's first year, and many of the Honiton players were fairly new to the game, it was an encouraging result. Many of the members came along for the game and a social afternoon on 16th December.

Membership of the club, which shares facilities with Honiton Football and Cricket clubs at Mountbatten Park in Ottery Moor Lane, has flourished from nothing to nearly 30 members in less than a year.

Club spokesman Chris Bigmore said: "We are really pleased with the way the club has taken off. We have a great place to play and our new players are developing well.

"We have exciting plans for next including entering the Devon league, details of these plans will be announced in the New Year"

"There will also be having some professional coaching sessions so players can learn the tactics and skill of the game."

Petanque, or boules as it is sometimes known, is becoming increasingly popular in the UK as people realise that it is a very tactical, competitive game which appeals to those who enjoy a challenging sport, it is inexpensive to take up and people of all ages can play.

Good surface

The Honiton terrain, or playing area, is one of the best in the county. The next important development is creating an all weather pathway from the car park, and the club is looking for funding to make this possible.

The club meets twice a week, weather permitting, on Sundays at 10.30am and on Wednesdays at 2pm.

"We try and play all year round, but if it is raining, or very cold, we call it off," added Chris.

More information can be obtained by visiting the club's website http://petanquehoniton.btck.co.uk or by calling 07815710810.

◆ **A GOOD YEAR:** membership is steadily increasing for the newly formed Honiton Petanque Club

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